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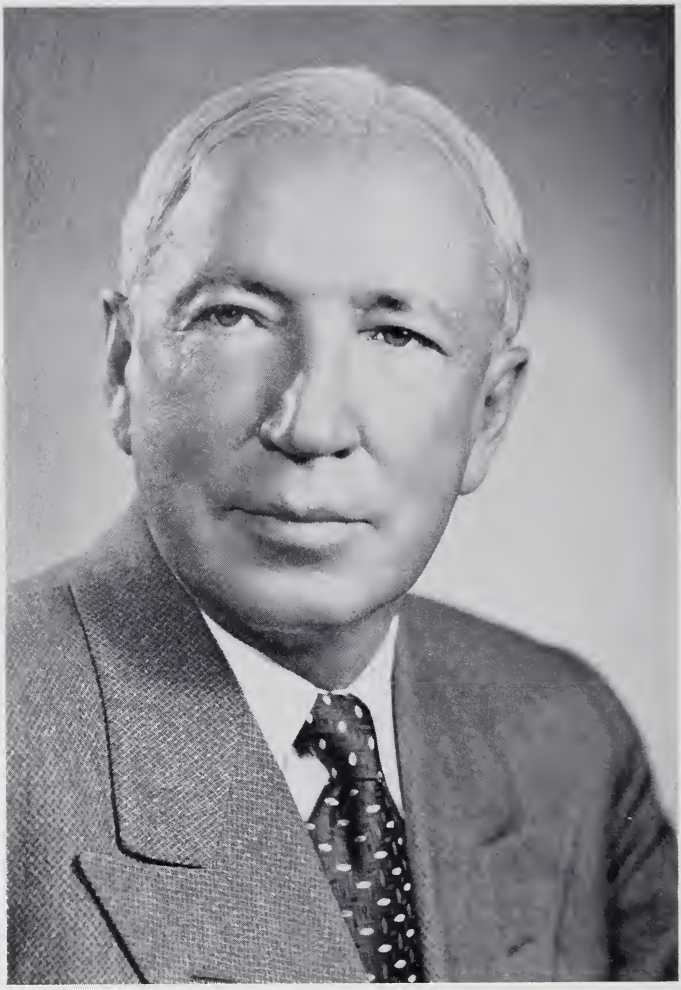

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Biography

Brazilla Carroll Reece was born on a farm near Butler, Johnson County, Tenn., December 22, 1889; attended the public schools, Watauga Academy, Carson-Newman College, New York University, and the University of London; assistant secretary and instructor in the New York University in 1916 and 1917; during the First World War enlisted in May 1917 and served with the American Expeditionary Forces from October 1917 to July 1919; was at the front two hundred and ten days; commanded the Third Battalion of the One Hundred and Second Infantry Regiment, Twenty-sixth Division; cited for bravery by Marshal Petain and Generals Pershing, Hale, and Edwards; was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Purple Heart, and the French Croix de Guerre with Palm; director of the School of Business Administration of New York University in 1919 and 1920; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-seventh and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1921–March 3, 1931); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1930 to the Seventy-second Congress; elected to the Seventy-third and to the six succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1933–January 3, 1947); was not a candidate for renomination in 1946; delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1928, 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944, and 1948; lawyer, banker, and publisher; member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution in 1945 and 1946; chairman of the Republican National Committee 1946–1948; unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate in 1948; elected to the Eighty-second and to the five succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1951, until his death in the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., March 19, 1961; interment in Monte Vista Burial Park, Johnson City, Tenn.

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for
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Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *March 20, 1961.*

Rabbi Israel Gerstein, Passaic Park Jewish Center, Passaic, N.J., offered the following prayer:

Our gracious Father in heaven, for the privilege of witnessing another spring we thank Thee, and for the faith that it inspires in us that the world is not old and worn, headed for decline and oblivion, but that under Thy kind providence it is undergoing perpetual rebirth and renewal, and that the most glorious chapters of man's life are in the days ahead.

May this season of renewal move these chosen spokesmen of the people to renew their fervor and rekindle their sense of mission so that they will labor ever more zealously for a world in which hurts will be healed, hopes sustained, the weak and the worn assisted, human dignity and decency upheld, the blight of war and the specter of annihilation banished, and peace in freedom prevail among all Thy children everywhere, with none to make them afraid.

We praise Thee for the services of one of our consecrated colleagues who has been recalled to Thee. Send the healing balm of Thy consolation to the members of his family, and may his memory ever inspire us to noble living. Amen.

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 228).

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable B. CARROLL REECE, a Representative from the State of Tennessee.

Resolved, That a committee of 12 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant of Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying

out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House: Mr. Halleck; Mr. Arends; Mr. Davis of Tennessee; Mr. Murray; Mr. Evins; Mr. Frazier; Mr. Baker; Mr. Jonas; Mr. Bass of Tennessee; Mr. Loser; Mr. Smith of California; and Mr. Everett.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 21, 1961, at 12 o'clock noon.

TUESDAY, *March 21, 1961.*

A message from the Senate by Mr. McGown, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution (S. Res. 112):

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. B. CARROLL REECE, late a Representative from the State of Tennessee.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

Remarks by Representative Baker

Of Tennessee

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness and profound sorrow that I inform the House that our beloved colleague, CARROLL REECE, departed this life on yesterday, Sunday, March 19, 1961, at 7 a.m.

BRAZILLA CARROLL REECE was born at Butler, Tenn., December 22, 1889, and was reared on a farm in a big family. His initial education began in the public schools and Carson-Newman College of Tennessee, and was continued in New York University and the University of London. He holds honorary degrees from a number of institutions of higher learning, including Cumberland University, Tusculum College, and Lincoln Memorial University.

He was first elected to the 67th Congress and was its youngest Member. He was subsequently elected to the 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 73d, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, and 79th Congresses, when he retired from Congress to serve as chairman of the Republican National Committee. After relinquishing his post as national chairman, he was elected to the 82d, 83d, 84th, 85th, 86th, and 87th Congresses, in all of which sessions he served with loyalty and untiring zeal.

He served his country with honor and gallantry in World War I, being decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Purple Heart, Croix de Guerre with Palm, and cited for bravery by Marshal Petain, General Pershing, General Edwards, General Hale, and Colonel Lewis.

CARROLL REECE's life was filled with achievements in public service, and he served with marked distinction in many other fields as a humanitarian and industrialist.

In recent years he has been a member of the Rules Committee of the House.

At the time of his passing he was Republican national committeeman and State chairman of the Republican Party in Tennessee.

CARROLL had a heart of gold, filled with understanding, wit, and humor. He will long be remembered and his memory cherished by each of us.

He married Louise Despard Goff, whose father and grandfather served in the U.S. Senate. His only daughter, Louise, is married to Col. George W. Marthens of the U.S. Air Force. They have four children. CARROLL REECE was a devoted husband, father, grandfather.

I know that each of you join in extending to Mrs. Reece and the daughter, Louise, and all members of his family, our deepest sympathy in their great loss in which we share.

Remarks by Representative Halleck

Of Indiana

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, the death of B. CARROLL REECE has taken from the congressional scene a man of truly remarkable character.

The story of his achievements may well serve as an inspiration for future generations of Americans.

Certainly few men it has been my privilege to know have made more of their God-given talents than did CARROLL REECE.

Early in life the bulldog tenacity that was so characteristic, was reflected in CARROLL's determination to get for himself a fine education in spite of financial handicaps.

The tremendous personal courage we associate with our departed colleague was reflected in his magnificent combat record during World War I.

The keenness of his intellect was reflected in the success he enjoyed as a lawyer, banker, journalist, and legislator.

My friendship with CARROLL REECE goes back to my earliest days in this body.

I came to know him well as a fellow member of the great Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, on which we both served some 20 years ago.

Later, we worked together in the cause of the Republican Party, he as chairman of the national committee and I as chairman of the congressional committee.

As has been reported, it was under CARROLL's leadership that we won control of the 80th Congress, a further testimonial to his energy and genius.

CARROLL REECE was an honest conservative who believed wholeheartedly in the virtues that have made this the great country it is today.

His career was a personification of the success story that is still the birthright of every American willing to meet the challenges of life with courage and determination.

I feel a deep sense of personal loss in the death of this wonderful friend.

In offering my heartfelt sympathy to his family, I hope they may find some consolation in their bereavement from the distinguished record of service CARROLL REECE performed for his party, his district, and his native land.

He will be sorely missed by all of us.

Remarks by Representative McCormack

Of Massachusetts

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, the death of CARROLL REECE is a sad loss to the House and to his countless friends and admirers everywhere. He was profoundly respected for the fine qualities he possessed.

CARROLL REECE was an outstanding and dedicated legislator; he was a great Congressman, a man of firm convictions and of intellectual honesty. He courageously served his district, his State, and the Nation in this body in accordance with his judgment and his conscience. He served the people of his district in a manner that reflected great credit upon them.

We shall miss CARROLL REECE very much.

To Mrs. Reece and her daughter and their loved ones I extend my deep sympathy in their great loss and sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Martin

Of Massachusetts

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with infinite sadness I join in these services for a great American, B. CARROLL REECE, whose friendship I have been privileged to enjoy for 40 years.

CARROLL REECE won distinction as a dedicated, courageous, and able American leader in many fields of activity.

As a young man, he joined the American Expeditionary Forces in France in World War I. From the hills of Tennessee, which have contributed many talented persons to the Nation, he went into action with the 26th Division, the so-called Yankee Division, which was composed of troops largely from New England. When the war was most intense, he commanded the 3d Battalion of the 102d Regiment, which was a part of the Yankee Division. He was a young lieutenant who had risen from the ranks. Among the high general officers who cited Lieutenant REECE for bravery was Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, who commanded the 26th Division and who was known affectionately to his troops as "Daddy" Edwards.

CARROLL's charm, persuasiveness, courage, and resourceful leadership won him the admiration and lasting respect of his soldier comrades from New England.

In the field of politics, through his talent, and ability, he climbed the ladder until he was Republican national chairman in 1946. He was the inspiring leader of that campaign. I can never forget his efforts because they resulted in the election of the first Republican Congress since 1928, and my selection as Speaker of the House in the 80th Congress.

That campaign, fought as it was with very limited funds, marked the beginning of a new era in American political life.

This campaign was but one instance of CARROLL's contribution to the Republican Party. He long served as the Republican leader of Tennessee and as its member of the national committee.

He was an outstanding Member of the Congress and contributed greatly to our legislative deliberations. He was first elected to Congress in 1920 and that service was interrupted on only two occasions; first by a party division in 1930 and again upon his election as Republican national chairman, he retired for 2 years.

Long interested in the veterans of our country, he was the author of the legislation which created the veterans' committee of the House. He was an early advocate of the establishment of the Army Air Corps and he served with great ability in wrestling with national problems as a member of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, foreign affairs, and armed services. At his death, he was a member of the Rules Committee.

He was a conservative in politics and yet he had the vision to embrace whatever policies he thought would be helpful to the Nation. To him, what he believed to be best for America came first. In the field of business, CARROLL made notable contributions as a publisher, as a banker and businessman.

He was married to Louise Goff, daughter of Senator Guy Goff of West Virginia and granddaughter of Nathan Goff, Secretary of the Navy in the Harrison Cabinet. His devoted wife, intensely interested in the political life of the country, was a wise counselor and constant coworker in all his endeavors.

The death of CARROLL REECE is a distinct loss to the Congress, his State of Tennessee and the Nation. He contributed greatly to the enrichment of American life and we are all better off for his able service.

Although he has departed from this life, his works and deeds will long linger in the memories of his associates in

Congress; his comrades in arms; and the people of the State he loved and served so well.

Personally, his death comes as the loss of one of my closest and most beloved friends.

To his good wife and family, I join with all of you in extending my deepest sorrow in this hour of their bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Davis

Of Tennessee

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, many of us knew that CARROLL REECE was dangerously ill, but none of us was prepared for his sudden passing. His district has lost a splendid representative; this House an outstanding legislator, and the country a very useful citizen. He was highly respected and esteemed in the State of Tennessee. Each member of the Tennessee delegation has lost a warm personal friend.

Remarks by Representative Brown

Of Ohio

Mr. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy and a very sad heart I rise to join in the tributes being paid to my old friend and beloved colleague, CARROLL REECE. I knew, of course, of the seriousness of his illness. CARROLL knew, too, because he told me so. I shall always cherish the talks we had in the last 2 or 3 months since he was stricken, because again I saw demonstrated during those crucial hours the courage and character that came as his birthright from the mountains of Tennessee, and the strength he drew from those mountains. One of 13 children in a poor but a proud family, he went forth into the world from those mountains to become nationally, yes, even internationally known, for he proved his valor, his courage and his patriotism on the field of battle as few men have ever proven theirs, and was decorated for heroism by his own and many foreign governments.

Our lives, CARROLL'S and mine, have been intermingled for more than a third of a century. We served together for many years on the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. We also sat next to each other on the Committee on Rules for a long, long time. Both of us have been members of the Republican National Committee for many years. We worked together in the past campaigns of Senator Taft for he was one of the Senator's warmest friends.

During his national chairmanship—and I had the pleasure and the honor of nominating him for that position—I served as chairman of the executive committee of our party. I worked with CARROLL during the 1946 campaign as the campaign director of that year. Somehow or other our lives have been closely tied together all these years.

Mr. Speaker, I knew, as I said in the beginning, of the seriousness of CARROLL'S illness, yet when word came to me

early yesterday that he had passed on—and I am thankful that he slept away—I was not prepared for the shock which came from the news.

Carroll Reece has proven to all of us that a man from lowly beginnings can reach the highest place in life; and he can contribute in many ways to the welfare of his beloved State, of his party, and of his country.

He leaves behind him to his wife, his daughter, and his grandchildren, the priceless heritage of a good name. He leaves to those of us who knew him and called him friend many precious memories which will live as long as we live.

My sympathy, my condolences, go out to his wife, Louise, to his daughter, and to the grandchildren. It is my hope and prayer that divine providence may sustain them in the great loss that has been theirs.

Remarks by Representative Arends

Of Illinois

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, once again we stand on this floor in sorrow to pay our respects to a departed colleague—a true, loyal, and loving friend of many years. At times like these, words seem meaningless and empty; but the words spoken today I know come from the hearts of those of us who were privileged to know CARROLL REECE, our friend.

In the many, many years of my association with him in the House, this bond of friendship grew and grew. Not only did this friendship grow in a political way, for our political views coincided so much, but rather sincere and warm personal friendship developed, which I shall forever cherish.

CARROLL REECE was an extraordinary man in many respects. There was a depth of sincerity about him that everyone did not know or appreciate. Not only did he have intense loyalty to his country, as proven by his brilliant service in World War I, but this loyalty carried on to an unblemished and outstanding record during his many years of service in Congress. Not only did he serve well his district, his State, and his party, but from early manhood to death he nobly served the Nation he loved.

He will be missed by those of us who served with him from day to day. His counsel and friendly advice was so much appreciated by those of us who worked with him. He was a man of great character and integrity, a devoted family man, and a public spirited citizen, who has indeed left his footprints on the sands of time.

To his devoted wife and family, all of us extend our heartfelt sympathy.

As emphasized in the poem I am about to read, CARROLL REECE was a steppingstone for his fellow men. So much of

his life was devoted to helping those who needed help. For all this, he will never be forgotten:

A Bag of Tools

Isn't it strange
That princes and kings,
And clowns that caper
In sawdust rings,
And common people
Like you and me
Are builders for eternity?

Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass,
A book of rules;
And each must make,
Ere life is flown
A stumbling-block
Or a steppingstone.

—*R. L. Sharpe.*

Remarks by Representative Auchincloss

Of New Jersey

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, the Members of the House of Representatives have lost a great friend and the country an outstanding citizen in the death of CARROLL REECE of Tennessee. The impact of his devoted service to his country; his loyalty to what was true and honest and of good report will endure for a long time to come. He was a man with a big heart that won him many friends.

It was my privilege to have known CARROLL REECE pretty well, especially in the past few years. He served for 3 years as president of the Capitol Hill Club and under his guidance and inspiration the club prospered. He had a wonderful sense of humor and there was no bitterness ever in his heart toward those who did not agree with him. If there was ever a gentleman in the truest sense of the word, it was CARROLL REECE. The charm of his manner, the warmth of his friendship and his simple, straightforward character inspired confidence and courage. He gave of himself without reserve and he was unafraid.

CARROLL REECE was a man of many attainments in addition to his being a legislator of no mean ability. He was a student and teacher, holding a number of honorary degrees; a banker and newspaper publisher; a lawyer and soldier with a most distinguished record of combat service. And he was an administrator of outstanding merit, trusted and respected by all.

Together with many others, I have lost a dear friend and though he will be missed his influence over our lives will be present always. We can face the future stronger and braver because of his example and his strong spirit.

My most sincere sympathy goes to his loved ones. His death leaves a great void in their hearts and I pray that the good God of love and compassion may give them His blessing and bring them peace.

Remarks by Representative Colmer

Of Mississippi

Mr. COLMER. Mr. Speaker, I am one of those Members of this House who had the privilege of not only acquaintance but the friendship of CARROLL REECE. We all recognize, I am sure, that in the busy schedule that Members of this House have to maintain we have very little opportunity to know, really know, and understand our colleagues, unless we have the opportunity and the privilege to serve with them on a committee. I was doubly blessed in this capacity, because CARROLL REECE and I have served on the Committee on Rules for many years. In addition to that, he served on the Postwar Economic Policy Committee, on which I served.

I got to know him very, very well. The more I knew him, the more I appreciated him. He was a party man, but without partisanship. He always had the best interest of his country at heart. I got to know him in the capacity of a legislator. I admire his record as a soldier and as a statesman. Beyond that, I had an affection for him as a true friend. CARROLL REECE'S death is a distinct personal loss.

This House, Tennessee, and the Nation have lost a truly great servant. I join my colleagues in extending to the surviving members of his family, and particularly his devoted wife, my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Hoeven

Of Iowa

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing of our good friend and colleague B. CARROLL REECE comes as a shock to Members of the House of Representatives, especially to those of us who have known CARROLL for so many years.

There are only seven Members in the House of Representatives today who have served longer than CARROLL REECE, he having first become a Member of the House at the beginning of the 67th Congress. Throughout his long service, CARROLL REECE distinguished himself for his honesty and integrity and his devotion to those fundamental principles of real Americanism which have kept this country on an even keel. CARROLL REECE believed in the Constitution and his oath of office to preserve and protect the Constitution of the United States was not taken lightly. There was never any doubt as to where CARROLL REECE stood on legislation. He never played both ends against the middle.

A sturdy oak has fallen in the untimely passing of our beloved colleague. His passing is a great loss to the State of Tennessee and the congressional district which he served so ably and well for so long a time. We who remain behind shall miss him too. We take much consolation in the fact that CARROLL REECE served well his day and generation. I extend my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Reece and all members of the family.

Remarks by Representative Bass

Of Tennessee

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, the great State of Tennessee has had her share of men who have left their marks in political circles. Many of her sons have served with distinction and honor in the great body, the House of Representatives. In the passing of CARROLL REECE, one had departed from the scene who served with great distinction in this body, one who has served longer in the House of Representatives than any other man in history from the State of Tennessee. As a Tennessean, he was known as Mr. Republican because of his outstanding work in his party, his devotion to his party, and his keen interest in its development. He was also known as Mr. East Tennessee because, throughout the years, he took a great interest in the political developments as well as the historical development of east Tennessee. As a member of his party, probably no man in the history of the State of Tennessee, with the exception of Andrew Johnson, has been any better known than CARROLL REECE. In his passing from the scene at this time, his State and his Nation have lost an able soldier, statesman, and a great political figure. I extend my sincere condolences and sympathy to his wife and to the other members of the family.

Remarks by Representative Smith

Of Virginia

Mr. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I served for many years in this House with CARROLL REECE. I did not come to know him well until I came in close contact with him in the years that we both served on the Committee on Rules of the House. Then I came to know him as a great man and a great character. He was a person who was modest, retiring, and unassuming, one who never pressed himself on other people or on the House itself. But, when you came to know CARROLL REECE, you came to know him as a lovable character, one who never had a mean thought—one who never did a small act. He was a great legislator because he thought deeply and patriotically. He was a man who stood by the things he believed in, and had the courage to advocate them out in the open. I know the committee on which he served so faithfully has lost a valiant member and a sound counselor in its deliberations. The House has lost one of its outstanding Members. I extend my sympathy to his bereaved family in this hour of their great trial.

Remarks by Representative St. George

Of New York

Mrs. ST. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to know our late colleague, Congressman CARROLL REECE, long before I came to the Congress. I also knew him when he was the national chairman of my political party. He was indeed a man of courage, as has been said. He was also a man of the people, who knew the people. He knew the people in all walks of life. He helped a candidate with loyalty and again with courage. His superb record in war and in peace will remain with us all as a memory, a challenge, and an inspiration.

To his devoted wife—Mr. and Mrs. Reece were married for 37 long and happy years—I extend my heartfelt sympathy. Also to his daughter and to all of his loving family. They were a devoted family, a typical American family.

As they go back to those hills of Tennessee where they are going, as they think of the strength that was given to him, they can say in the words of the psalmist, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my strength."

Remarks by Representative Evins

Of Tennessee

Mr. EVINS. Mr. Speaker, it is said that as men grow older they look with equanimity upon the approach of death—I do not know whether this is true but, if true, I certainly have not reached that stage in my own life where I can look with equanimity upon it, insofar as I am concerned or insofar as my friends are concerned.

I was shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of our esteemed colleague and friend, Congressman REECE, of Tennessee.

Although we knew that he was ill I could not look but with expectation that he would be back here with us in the House.

Only last week I received a letter from him in which he said:

> I will be seeing you when I get down on the Hill for the votes.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I say we are saddened by the news of his passing.

CARROLL REECE was eighth Member in point of seniority of service of the entire membership of this House—only seven Members have served longer. He was elected 18 times by the people of his beloved First District of east Tennessee. His constituency elected and returned him to Congress for 36 years of service—and they would have elected him again had he lived for other elections—for CARROLL REECE knew and had a hold on the hearts and affections of his people—as few Members have with their constituencies.

I had occasion to be in his district last fall visiting, while my mother was hospitalized, for a time in Johnson City in CARROLL REECE'S hometown.

And, everywhere there I met people, who loved CARROLL REECE—not only in the banks and in the business commu-

nity, but with people in the shops and stores—the barber shops and the man on the street—each spoke of their neighbor and friend with genuine affection—and admiration.

His people admired him as a man who arose from humble beginnings to heights of success in business and politics and in many endeavors.

He received many honors in his lifetime, but none of which I believe he particularly appreciated more than the dedication of a post office building in his hometown which the Department designated "The Carroll Reece Branch of the United States Post Office."

Congressman REECE gave generously of his means to many charities and many worthy causes. He was especially interested in Carson-Newman and Tusculum Colleges in his district, which he supported.

One only has to read the brief recital of facts in the Congressional Directory to realize the breadth of the talents, interests, and activities of our late colleague and friend.

Farmer, schoolteacher, lawyer, businessman, banker, newspaper publisher, philanthropist, party leader and GOP committeeman, delegate to many Republican conventions and national chairman of his party, lecturer and legislator, distinguished Congressman, and soldier with a distinguished war record.

And with all his attainments he was a devoted father, husband, and family man. He possessed a warm and friendly personality.

Through service in World War I and service in Congress during World War II, he fought and labored for the ideals and principles of government in which he believed with devotion.

He was a stalwart member of his party, yet a partisan in the finest sense of the term because he knew how to work and cooperate with others.

He was always kindly and courteous and behind his unfailing courtesy was a strength and astuteness few men possess.

Commonsense was his prime counselor and the Constitution his unfailing lamp.

His party faith was reflected in the many honors given him by his party, including the Chairmanship of the Republican National Committee during the years immediately preceding the Republicans' returning to power in 1952 with the election of General Eisenhower as President.

With all his attainments he remained as friendly and as considerate a soul as ever gave gentle companionship to his fellow man.

One who did not know our colleague, CARROLL REECE, might have thought of him, because of his business and financial success in business and political life, as an aloof and austere man—but such was not the case. CARROLL REECE was a warm and friendly person. He was never lured from the realities of human fellowship.

Like Kipling's lines, he talked with crowds and walked with kings but never lost the common touch.

The Republican Party has lost a faithful and effective leader—Tennessee and the Nation a devoted and distinguished son, and I humbly add, that I have lost a cherished friend.

I extend my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Reece and members of his family.

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me.
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell
And after that the dark.
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

Remarks by Representative Bolton

Of Ohio

Mrs. BOLTON. Mr. Speaker, years back when I was the wife of a Congressman, it was my privilege to know CARROLL REECE in the give and take of social understanding. He was always gracious; he had what we northerners had come to feel to be the chivalry of the South, and he was delightful in every respect. Then, when I came into the House he welcomed me warmly as the wife of an old friend, and I have always deeply appreciated it. I have always wished I might have seen more of him and known him better.

May I read something from James Martineau:

> We seem to have given him back to Thee, dear God, who gavest him to us. Yet, as Thou did'st not lose him in the giving, so we have not lost him by his return.
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> Not as the world giveth, giveth Thou, O Lover of Souls. What Thou givest, Thou takest not away. For what is Thine is ours always, for we are Thine. And life is eternal; and love is immortal; and earth is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.

I send my heartfelt understanding sympathy to his wife and family.

Remarks by Representative Frazier

Of Tennessee

Mr. FRAZIER. Mr. Speaker, it was with a distinct feeling of loss that I was informed yesterday morning of the death of our colleague, CARROLL REECE.

I was privileged to know CARROLL for many years before I came to this House. I knew him better after I was elected and had the privilege of serving with him.

CARROLL REECE was a courageous soldier. Almost immediately after his return from his service in World War I he was elected to this body, and for practically 35 years, with two short exceptions, he had continuously served as a Member of this House. To me that demonstrates the appreciation his constituents had for him and the great service he rendered to the people of the First Congressional District of Tennessee. He was a great legislator, a loyal friend, and one who served not only his district but also his State of Tennessee and the Nation. He was an outstanding Member of this great body. His death is a great loss to Tennessee and the Nation.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his beloved wife and daughter.

Remarks by Representative Ayres

Of Ohio

Mr. AYRES. Mr. Speaker, in life many tributes and honors were bestowed on CARROLL REECE. Today in death those tributes and honors are being continued.

A great man once said: He who remains humble in glory shall be great in his eternal reward. This I believe to be true regarding CARROLL REECE. He was good to me.

It must be gratifying to Mrs. Reece that those who knew her husband will feel that the earth has lost a visitor and the Heavens have gained a permanent guest. We shall miss him, but those he joins shall greet him.

Remarks by Representative Everett

Of Tennessee

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I appear here today to make my first remarks since becoming a Member of this body to pay tribute and honor to the late CARROLL REECE. When I first came to Washington in 1945 as an administrative assistant to Senator Tom Stewart of Tennessee I came to know CARROLL REECE and in working with him on projects that affected his congressional district in the State of Tennessee I have never seen a man with more loyalty to his congressional district, to his State, and to the Nation.

When I served as administrative assistant to the Governor of Tennessee I had other dealings with Mr. REECE in connection with projects on the State level that he was interested in.

Since I have been a Member of Congress for the past 3 years he has certainly been an inspiration to me in knowing the people of his congressional district, in knowing what they think of him for his loyalty and for his honesty. It has been said he knew how to talk to anybody, how to give aid and assistance to them in whatever problem they might have.

We in our congressional district have a heavy heart today at his passing. Truly our congressional district has lost a great friend, the State of Tennessee has lost a valued friend, and the Nation as well.

To Mrs. Reece, the daughter, the grandchildren, and the son-in-law I extend my condolences and say that he by coming our way has meant much to all of us.

Remarks by Representative Harris

Of Arkansas

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, it was with deep sorrow I learned yesterday morning of the passing of our beloved colleague and friend, CARROLL REECE; the grim reaper has again visited this great body.

It was my good fortune and privilege to come to know CARROLL REECE very soon after I came to this body in 1941. When I became a member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, CARROLL REECE was a member. He became a member of the committee, I believe, at the time that our beloved Speaker assumed the chairmanship of the committee in 1933. He served continuously on the committee until the 79th Congress and the records of the committee show the great contributions he has made to the welfare of the country as a member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce during the 14 years he served on it.

It was from that committee and the House that he left and became chairman of the Republican National Committee. I recall very well that even though we, as Democrats and Republicans alike, regretted to see him leave the committee, we did have a degree of pride in the fact that a man who had served on the committee so long and faithfully was being recognized by his own party for the highest position within the party's power to give.

It is rather interesting that during the time CARROLL REECE was a member of the committee, the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce after considerable discussion, hearings, and long consideration, reported to this body, and the Congress approved, an amendment to the Public Health Act providing for cancer research.

Now we find that our colleague, who had given so much of his time to a program that would try to solve the mysteries of this dreaded disease, was stricken by it himself.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, for CARROLL REECE it is finished, but his life and character will continue to live, particularly with those of us who knew him so long and among his many faithful friends here, as well as the United States itself, and certainly the great State of Tennessee. Certainly, we know it can be truly said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

To his beloved wife and the other members of the family I join in extending for Mrs. Harris and myself our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Jonas

Of North Carolina

Mr. JONAS. Mr. Speaker, it is always sad to lose a colleague, and we have now suffered the loss of three in the last few weeks. But it is especially distressing to lose not only a colleague but a warm personal friend.

I first came to know CARROLL REECE many years ago when he and my father served together in Congress. That friendship quickened over the years when they served together as members of the Republican National Committee, and it became a close and personal one during the years we served together as Members of this House since 1953.

It so happens that two counties of North Carolina's 10th District which I have the honor of representing here in Congress, adjoin the 1st District of Tennessee which was so ably represented by CARROLL REECE for 36 years. This means that CARROLL and I had many interests in common and we had many, many mutual friends. I have visited frequently in his district and he in mine. It has been a privilege and a pleasure for me to work closely with him over the years on problems common to both of our districts, and during this intimate association I came to regard him not only as a friend but also as a counselor.

It would be difficult, Mr. Speaker, to think of anything to say on this sad occasion that has not already been so well said by the many colleagues who have preceded me today. I would simply say this, in addition to associating myself with all of the remarks that have been made, that the privilege is not often given to one man to carve out for himself so many distinguished and outstanding careers. We have heard today, and indeed I have known for years of the courage and patriotism CARROLL REECE displayed so well on the combat battlefields of France. His brilliant record as combat soldier

was recognized when he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Croix de Guerre with Palm for bravery.

CARROLL REECE compiled an equally outstanding record in the business life of east Tennessee, and for years has been one of the most respected and admired business leaders of that great section of our country. His outstanding service to the Republican Party has been referred to by almost every speaker today. Mere mention of the fact that he served for many years on the national committee from Tennessee and then as chairman of the national committee when the Republicans gained control of Congress for the first time in 16 years speaks for itself. Few men in our time can claim credit for such accomplishments. And we are all familiar with the outstanding and distinguished record he made for himself here in the House of Representatives.

CARROLL REECE was not only a distinguished American in war and peace, but he was a man of strong political convictions with the intellectual honesty and courage to proclaim them on all occasions. The old saying that a prophet is not without honor except in his own country certainly did not apply to him. Repeated victories at the polls is indicative of the esteem and affection he enjoyed at home in his beloved east Tennessee hill country.

In the untimely passing of CARROLL REECE, east Tennessee has lost one of her finest sons, our country has lost a distinguished statesman, this House has lost one of its most useful and respected leaders, and I have lost a warm and personal friend.

I hope that it may be of some comfort to his bereaved widow and daughter to know that thousands of his countrymen today are mourning with them over the passing of this great man. I should like to be included among that number.

Remarks by Representative Rayburn

Of Texas

Mr. RAYBURN. Mr. Speaker, the passing of CARROLL REECE touches me very deeply. He and I were real personal friends. He came from those pine-clad and rugged hills of east Tennessee where I was born, in the district of the distinguished gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. Baker]. It has always seemed to me that there was something in the elements there, in those hills of east Tennessee, that caused men to grow into rugged stature. The soil and its vegetation put something in the flesh and bones of the people of those hills that is found in few other places.

CARROLL REECE and I had a lot of fun together. We were alumni of a great Tennessee institution, Tusculum College; I think the oldest one west of the Allegheny Mountains. Degrees were conferred upon us that we had fun about, saying that if we had taken an examination we would not have passed, but the generosity of that great college made us both proud in conferring upon us each an honorary degree.

I have been in his district quite a lot. Of course, the Democrats there knew they could not defeat him, and some of the most distinguished Democrats of that section were among those who were most enthusiastic about CARROLL REECE; because he had the elements in him that made people love him, that made people trust him. He gave friendship freely and he received it in great amount. So today I wanted to say this word in tribute to a friend, a real personal friend, a splendid legislator, a great citizen of the hill country of Tennessee, a great citizen of that State and a great citizen of our beloved country.

To his family I express my deepest and sincerest sympathy, because I think the papers back in east Tennessee today will probably say that the body of CARROLL REECE is coming home to stay.

Remarks by Representative Loser

Of Tennessee

Mr. LOSER. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to me to join my colleagues here in the House in paying tribute to the memory of one of Tennessee's most distinguished sons. While I do not come from the hill country, I know of its many stalwart sons, and CARROLL REECE stood among those at the top of that long list of men and women from Tennessee who have contributed so much to the welfare of that great State and of the Nation.

I was privileged to know CARROLL REECE for many years, but during my tenure here in the House I came to love and admire and respect him for his forthrightness. I am sure that CARROLL REECE, as he entered the portals of the Great Beyond, heard the welcome words of the Judge who sitteth as the Judge Supreme, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

I join my colleagues here today in extending to the wife and family of CARROLL REECE my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Chenoweth

Of Colorado

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I am sure all of us were moved by the eloquent tribute just paid to our departed colleague by our beloved Speaker, Mr. Rayburn. I was deeply saddened yesterday when I first learned of the passing of CARROLL REECE. I join my colleagues in extending our sympathy to the members of the Tennessee delegation. Not only the State of Tennessee, but the entire Nation has suffered an irreparable loss in the passing of CARROLL REECE. I knew he had been critically ill, but I was hoping he would recover.

I first knew CARROLL REECE when I came to the House some 20 years ago. At that time he was one of the most beloved and outstanding Members of the House. Everyone had great affection for CARROLL REECE, and everyone liked him. He always had the same gracious disposition and spread happiness and good will wherever he went.

I had the great pleasure of serving on the House Committee on Rules with CARROLL REECE, and I know of his devotion to his duties and his work in the House. He made a most valuable contribution to the deliberations of this body, and his judgment was always respected.

When CARROLL REECE was chairman of the Republican National Committee he made several trips to the State of Colorado. I know that I speak for the people of our State when I express their sympathy here today. The people he met in Colorado had great affection for CARROLL REECE. He was always given a warm welcome when he came to our State. We were most happy to see Mrs. Reece and CARROLL whenever they could find time for a visit.

Mr. Speaker, the passing of CARROLL REECE is a grievous loss to this body, I feel that I have lost a most valued friend and the House will not be the same without CARROLL REECE. We need more men like CARROLL REECE in public life today. It is not possible to replace a man like CARROLL REECE, with his distinguished background and long experience in Congress. We know of the high esteem in which he was held by the Members of this House on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. Speaker, I recall that CARROLL REECE was active in organizing the Robert A. Taft Memorial Foundation, and that it was largely through his efforts that the Robert A. Taft Memorial was erected. He presided at the dedication ceremonies in April 1959. I shall never hear the carillon bells in this memorial without being reminded of CARROLL REECE, and of the great privilege of serving with him in this body.

Mrs. Chenoweth joins me in extending our deep personal sympathy to Mrs. Reece and the daughter, and the other members of the family.

Remarks by Representative McCulloch

Of Ohio

Mr. McCULLOCH. Mr. Speaker, my heart is filled with sorrow at the loss of my good longtime, loyal friend, B. CARROLL REECE. He was a courageous soldier and a brilliant young officer. He was a constructive, convincing, and successful newspaper publisher. He was an able businessman-banker who has left his mark on the State he knew and loved so well.

CARROLL REECE was a resourceful and inspiring party leader, and an able, constructive, and effective legislator. While he left us far too soon, the good that he has done will live long after the return of his body to those rugged hills he loved so well. His entire family has our deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Hechler

Of West Virginia

Mr. HECHLER. Mr. Speaker, I join in paying tribute to the late Honorable CARROLL REECE, a great soldier, teacher, banker, businessman, newspaper publisher, political leader, statesman, colleague, and friend.

West Virginia was a second home for CARROLL REECE. Our beloved Speaker has mentioned the strength which comes from the hills of east Tennessee. One measure of CARROLL REECE's wisdom is the fact that he married a lovely, wonderful, and gracious West Virginia girl, Louise Despard Goff, whose father and grandfather served in the U.S. Senate from the State of West Virginia. So he showed great political acumen and became that much greater by joining the strength of the hills of West Virginia with his own hills of Tennessee.

Congressman REECE and his gracious wife frequently attended functions of the West Virginia State Society, and they have a host of friends in the Mountain State who mourn the passing of a great and good man.

I also recall something else about my longtime friendship with CARROLL REECE which has not yet been mentioned. He was once a teacher, as I was. Many times I would bring groups of students to Washington to visit him at the Republican National Committee while he was chairman. He inspired young people to think more clearly and to take a more active part in public life.

America has lost a towering political figure, and also a great human being and a sincere friend of all of us.

Remarks by Representative Ashbrook

Of Ohio

Mr. ASHBROOK. Mr. Speaker, I consider it an honor to associate myself with the statements that have been made regarding our great friend, the late CARROLL REECE. I am particularly happy that the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. Hechler] brought out a point on which I want to amplify, and that is about Mr. REECE's interest in young people. It is certainly appropriate that we leave the eulogies as to his great public service to those who knew him so much longer than I did. Our good colleague, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Martin], spoke of 40 years of close friendship. My distinguished senior colleague from Ohio [Mr. Brown], spoke of a third of a century, and our Speaker spoke of a lifetime of personal friendship. For my part, I can speak of but 5 years of close personal friendship with Mr. REECE. However, in that time I believe I became an expert and an authority on at least one facet of this great man's life and that is his genuine concern and interest in young people. Those of us in politics who are among the young know quite often we find very few friends, very few who will give encouragement such as he gave. We had no one—no champion on our side, and, of course, Mr. REECE was a party man—we had no champion who so encouraged young people as did this great man. Many of us will recall in 1948, it was Mr. REECE who, through his own energy and through his own efforts, succeeded in having a resolution passed at the national convention at Philadelphia which made the Young Republican National Federation a distinct and an integral part of our Republican Party. Up to that time for one reason or another, there had been a rather loose connection and young people were not a real part of

the party organization. Mr. REECE did this because he truly believed in young people. He truly believed they belonged in politics, and that their participation was important. Those of us on both sides of the aisle know that those who labor in behalf of party politics are actually working in the public service, because we so believe in our two-party system.

Mr. Speaker, it was my honor in 1957 to 1959 to serve as chairman of the Young Republican National Federation, the very organization to which I referred a moment ago, which was made an official part of our party in 1948.

I know Mr. REECE took personal pride in the fact that one of his secretaries, Miss Jerrie Kent, who also lives in Johnson City, Tenn., was from 1957–59 the cochairman of the federation, which now possesses a membership of some 500,000 young people in the United States. During those 2 years I came to know Mr. REECE to a greater degree than before. I learned of the many efforts he made in behalf of the young people. I can say that most of us in politics in the "young" category find very few champions and very few friends that would equal the late CARROLL REECE. I know I had a personal relationship with him which was more like father and son; not so much as colleague and personal friend, as others have mentioned, but in that category of people to whom Mr. REECE gave so much time and effort.

To his family I shall speak for the many thousands of young people throughout the country whom he aided and encouraged, that we have truly lost a champion and friend.

Remarks by Representative Derounian

Of New York

Mr. DEROUNIAN. Mr. Speaker, 8 years ago when I first came to this House, one of the few men I went to for advice was CARROLL REECE. I shall be eternally grateful for his wisdom. He was a true Christian, whose charitable contributions were quietly donated. One never read of his gifts in the newspapers. He was a man dedicated to principle. I know we all recall that a month and a half ago he left a sickbed, which we now know was his deathbed, to come to the floor of this House to vote against what he thought was an assault on the independence of this House. He was not a man of political expediency which is becoming such a bad habit today.

The Nation has truly lost one of the great soldiers of the old frontier.

I offer my sympathy to his family.

Remarks by Representative Cramer

Of Florida

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, it was with a heavy heart that I learned of the untimely death of CARROLL REECE and it is with a feeling of deep sorrow that, on this occasion marking his passing, I join with the remarks of my colleagues concerning the truly outstanding and highly significant service that CARROLL REECE rendered to the people of his district, State and Nation.

There is little I can add to the fine tributes made by other Members of this body who knew him much longer than I. There stands in my memory, however, a landmark of deep gratitude and grateful appreciation for the help and support given my first victorious election to Congress by CARROLL REECE. There are few men who contributed more to my victory than did he.

And, it followed, that when I first came to Congress he was the Member I called upon most often for help and advice. He gave it freely, for one of the outstanding characteristics of CARROLL REECE was his willingness to give of his time and his efforts to his friends, to the people of his district, and to the Nation.

Likewise, my district has felt a close friendship for CARROLL REECE and his family for a number of years. His brother has resided in my district for many years, and CARROLL REECE and his wife, on many occasions, visited Clearwater and St. Petersburg on the west coast of Florida. His passing, therefore, will be considered a great personal loss to the people of my district as well as to his own. I am certain, also, that his passing is considered a great loss to the people of the entire Nation for never was there a more dedicated man than

Carroll Reece, nor a more valiant fighter for the things in which he believed.

I join in the expressions of sympathy to his wife, his daughter, his brother, and to his family.

Remarks by Representative Conte

Of Massachusetts

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues of the saddened body, to pay tribute to one of its most outstanding and distinguished Members, the late BRAZILLA CARROLL REECE of Tennessee. By his passing, the Nation has lost a great citizen and a dedicated legislator.

During World War I, he distinguished himself for bravery and gallantry on the field of battle, with the same fervor and spirit of noble sacrifice which were to mark his long career in public life.

The many years, as legislator, attest to his devotion to our great Nation and to the well-being of its citizenry. He was motivated by the highest principles of representative government of which he was a part. He translated his firm belief in the basic tenets of democracy into actions which benefited the Nation, his State, and constituency. To this great legislative body, he gave completely of his great personal wisdom and of the balanced reasoning born of his long experience as a public servant.

To the Republican Party, whose principles and philosophy he represented so well, he gave the same unstinting efforts and great abilities which characterized all of his activities, during his term as its chairman.

The long public life of this great legislator is marked by the exemplary virtues of personal integrity, dedication to the highest principles, and unselfish motivation. Indeed, this House and our Nation are grateful for the devoted service of this great patriot.

While we mourn his irreplaceable loss, it is well to remember that he has bequeathed examples which shall remain as his monument in the history of our Nation and of this body, always.

BRAZILLA CARROLL REECE

To his family, I join my distinguished colleagues in an expression of profound sympathy and sincere condolences in this moment of bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Libonati

Of Illinois

Mr. LIBONATI. Mr. Speaker, the death of Representative B. CARROLL REECE marks the passing of an American who cultivated the chivalric virtues of public life—love of combat in statesmanship, practical acceptance of the standards of party loyalty, high sense of honor, and acceptance of political life as a game to be played according to the rules.

His early life, steeped in the trying problems of financial adversity, presented a challenge to him. He knew no compromise. He developed a strong moral standard for reasoned justice. He fought against liberal and precise doctrines, regardless of popular acceptance. His only change was in judging the plight of the poor and the needy.

His instincts and reasoning pitted him against the beneficent proposals of his fellow statesmen that the world could be redeemed from chaos, or saved through the indiscriminate expenditures of American dollars.

His life experiences, as lawyer, banker, and statesman, dictated an ultraconservative approach to relieve the economic ills of depressed nations of the world.

He advocated reforms within the national economic structures of these ailing nations themselves that would stimulate the creative talents of the people to thus realize their own economic salvation through the realistic development of the principles of freedom of enterprise. People must accomplish these things through their own efforts. He was highly critical of open charity. He asserted that this type of aid breeds indolence and kills individual ambition.

Mr. REECE became a Republican leader with power and authority. He was the last word in the acceptance of party decisions—his policy of conservatism was stamped on every national platform. He was the recipient of appointments

to every high office within the inner circle of the party. His every act or utterance personified the principles of true republicanism.

We have lost a great patriot, honored by his Government in battles—World War I—with many decorations.

He authored much of the legislation affecting veterans' interests, that is, the resolution creating the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. As a member of the powerful Rules Committee, he functioned as a leader of his party.

His work, now done, can be emblazoned upon the significant historical records of our time.

We, his colleagues from the State of Illinois, extend to his dear wife, Louise, and to his family, our heartfelt condolences with our prayers—the Nation, the Congress, and the great State of Tennessee have lost a dedicated statesman, leader, and patriot.

Remarks by Representative Hemphill

Of South Carolina

Mr. HEMPHILL. Mr. Speaker, I join with my distinguished colleagues from Tennessee, and other Members of the 87th Congress, in paying my respects to the memory of Congressman REECE, and saluting the exemplary life that he led.

Mr. REECE was of an older generation than I, and our paths did not cross so often as to make our association intimate, or channel our efforts in such similar directions as would cement a close or strong friendship. Therefore, like many other Members here, I know him for what he was, the example he set, the integrity of his stature and image as a Member of Congress.

Mr. REECE brought to the Congress a life of example and inspiration. All of us admire a man who has served in battle, and earned such high recognition as the Distinguished Service Cross. All of us admire success in business, and what greater asset can a man bring to Congress than the fact that he has been successful in his business and profession and then bring that pattern of successful application to the Congress? All of us admire education and knowledge and no one could hear Mr. REECE debate without admiring the wealth of education and the strength of knowledge that he tapped so freely for his country.

My association with him, except in one or two matters in which we were both vitally interested, were as Members of Congress, but in those matters in which we were vitally interested, I found him to be untiring, dedicated, and a man of leadership and ability.

The Congress of the United States, and the Nation, has suffered a loss in the passing of this man.

To his family I extend my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Pelly

Of Washington

Mr. PELLY. Mr. Speaker, again the flag is at half mast over the Capitol. Another Member of the House of Representatives has been permanently retired by the Almighty from public service.

Those of us who were serving with CARROLL REECE are sorely grieved, not alone because this Nation has suffered a grievous loss, but personally because an effective and lovable friend is gone. CARROLL was one of those leaders in this House one could always turn to for help and you knew it would be forthcoming.

I admired CARROLL REECE as a Republican leader long before I had the honor to serve with him. He served his political party well and under our system that is public service to all. It is a contribution to all the people—not just those of us who were on his side of the political fence.

It is sad that our friend has been taken away. He was so much himself—his normal cheerful self—when he came away from the hospital and was here on the floor the other day. I had heard he would not recover, but I kept hoping against hope because his loss to the Nation and Congress and his friends was not easy to contemplate.

All I can say now, Mr. Speaker, is the Lord's will be done—and that in the face of stern and unchangeable fact I am grateful for the more than 8 years of friendly association. I am thankful for that and a lasting recollection of an able and honorable leader.

Finally, I extend for my wife and myself the deepest sympathy to the wife and family of our beloved friend and colleague CARROLL REECE.

Remarks by Representative Taylor

Of North Carolina

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in this great Representative body in paying tribute to the memory of the late Honorable B. CARROLL REECE, whose untimely death yesterday deprived this House and our country of the services of a devoted and outstanding public servant.

His district in Tennessee joins my district in North Carolina and though I have been in Congress less than 1 year, Congressman REECE and I have shared an interest in several projects, especially projects concerning the development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park which means so much to North Carolina, Tennessee, and the Nation.

Despite his grave illness, Congressman REECE in his latter days often disregarded his personal well-being and left his sickbed to be present for important House and committee votes.

Truly, the State of Tennessee, as well as the Nation, has lost a distinguished citizen of courage and conviction.

I extend my sincere condolences to his family on their great loss.

Remarks by Representative Bray

Of Indiana

Mr. BRAY. Mr. Speaker, this body relies greatly on the experience and wisdom of some of our most senior Members. Those who have the honor of serving for long periods of time frequently help to put us on the right track and assist us from their extensive legislative background.

Such a man was B. CARROLL REECE, loved and respected on both sides of the aisle for his keen ability to get to the heart of matters. His contributions to the work of this body were many and will long be remembered.

His life was distinguished not only in the Congress, but also in his remarkable military record—as great as that of any Member of the House, and also his record in the fields of politics, business, and civic leadership was outstanding in our Nation. However, despite his great responsibilities and positions of leadership, he was always most considerate, kind, and helpful to anyone who came to him for consultation regarding problems of government, legislation, or politics. It was these qualities, among many others, which led the people of his district to return him to the House so many times.

I served with him briefly on the Committee on Armed Services, and in this body for the past 10 years. I deeply valued his friendship. I realize the loss to his country and to his party is great.

Remarks by Representative Trimble

Of Arkansas

Mr. TRIMBLE. Mr. Speaker, I join with the delegation from Tennessee and others in deep sorrow at the passing of CARROLL REECE from our membership. He was a devoted legislator, a loyal friend, and a great American. We served on the Committee on Rules together. He will be greatly missed in this Chamber.

To Mrs. Reece and their daughter I extend my sincere sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Rooney

Of New York

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened this morning when I learned of the passing of our distinguished colleague the Honorable B. CARROLL REECE, of Johnson City, Tenn.

I had been aware, of course, of CARROLL REECE's recent illness but somehow had the impression he would recover since he had always impressed me as being a very rugged and healthy person. His rapid decline and death only added to the shock I received.

During his long career in this body, CARROLL REECE enjoyed the admiration and respect of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. He spared neither time nor effort in endeavoring to serve the people of his district and State. He will be sadly missed.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife and daughter.

Remarks by Representative Fisher

Of Texas

Mr. FISHER. Mr. Speaker, the Grim Reaper has taken from our ranks a friend and colleague whose loss will be felt not only by the Members of this body but by the entire Nation.

During my 18 years of service in this body, I can hardly think of a man with whom I have served who exceeded in patriotism and devotion to his country the life that was lived by CARROLL REECE.

He was one of those statesmen who always put the country first. He was a great defender of the free enterprise system. His voting record in Congress speaks loudly in favor of good government and the preservation of our democratic institutions.

CARROLL REECE was the sort of person who was guided by principle rather than expediency. His courage was equalled by few. He is one man who seemed to never falter in following a consistent course of moderation and dedication to his beliefs. I only wish this Congress could have the service of more men like CARROLL REECE. The country would be better off, its future would be more secure, and its survival as a democracy more certain.

Remarks by Representative Horan

Of Washington

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to our departed Member, B. CARROLL REECE, who was one of our Nation's stalwart men.

I was shocked to learn of his passing. I had had a very nice visit with CARROLL in his room at the Bethesda Naval Center just 2 weeks ago. He looked well, and I am sure was looking forward to returning to the Congress where he had served so well and so faithfully for nearly 40 years.

We all will miss him, for CARROLL REECE meant a great deal to this country. His approach to every consideration in the Congress was unaffected by provincial considerations and the influence of local considerations. We shall miss his great abilities on the Rules Committee, and the Nation will suffer his passing.

Mrs. Horan and I wish to join with others in paying our respects and in expressing our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Reece and their devoted daughter.

Remarks by Representative Meader

Of Michigan

Mr. MEADER. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with those who have expressed their deep sense of loss and have extended their condolences to the family of our late colleague, the Honorable B. CARROLL REECE, of Tennessee.

It was my privilege to serve briefly with CARROLL REECE on the Committee on Government Operations and its Subcommittee on Foreign Operations under the chairmanship of the Honorable Porter Hardy, Jr., of Virginia. Both in that service and in our other contacts in the House of Representatives I developed a high regard for CARROLL'S gracious manner, his sunny disposition, his wit and friendly humor and his steadfastness to the political and economic principles and institutions which are the pillars of our American system.

CARROLL REECE'S career in public service was a healthy contribution to American progress during the three and one-half decades of our rapidly changing times through which he served. We are grateful for his contribution and will miss him sorely in the difficult decisions which lie before us.

Remarks by Representative Hoffman

Of Michigan

Mr. HOFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, others have spoken of the helpful, constructive record made by our colleague who left us Sunday morning.

Not only did he serve his country with distinction in war as well as in peace, but he was an able, faithful servant to his district and his State.

In addition, he rendered loyal, effective service to the party of his choice.

While he was with us in the Congress, it was my privilege to serve under him. He was always helpful, always kind, always courteous, always forbearing, especially of unjustifiable criticism which came to him when serving as chairman of a special committee.

When I was at Bethesda last Thursday morning, in his wheelchair he came to the office of the doctor I was consulting. He was cheerful and, although he had been confined to the hospital for several weeks, he gave no visible indication either in his appearance or by his talk that the end was near. He was his usual cheerful, encouraging self, and expressed hope for my comparatively minor physical trouble.

His passing once more gives us notice of the uncertainty of when or how we shall be called.

Remarks by Representative Dorn

Of South Carolina

Mr. DORN. Mr. Speaker, CARROLL REECE was a loyal, true American. He was a national figure in the traditions of Andrew Johnson, Cordell Hull, Speaker Joe Byrns, Andrew Jackson, and other distinguished sons of Tennessee.

CARROLL REECE was as rugged and courageous as the great Smoky Mountain area he represented. He was truly one of the great statesmen of our times. Our free enterprise, opportunity system had no greater champion than this forthright statesman from Tennessee.

Those of us who served in Congress with him regardless of party, admired and loved him. His integrity, warm personality, and patriotism will influence those of us who served with him for many years to come.

Mrs. Dorn and the people of South Carolina join in my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Reece and the family.

Remarks by Representative Harvey

of Indiana

Mr. HARVEY. Mr. Speaker, our loss in the passing of my colleague from Tennessee, CARROLL REECE, is real and sincere. He was not only an able Congressman, he was also a great patriot and defender of his country. To my own expression of sorrow I would like to include the remarks of our mutual friend, ex-Governor Gates, of Indiana, who asked that his sentiments also be incorporated expressing his sympathy and sorrow:

COLUMBIA CITY, IND.,
March 20, 1961.

HON. RALPH HARVEY,
State House, Washington, D.C.:

The many friends of Hon. B. CARROLL REECE in Indiana are deeply grieved by his death. During his public service of more than a third of a century he demonstrated his great devotion to the fundamentals of our Nation, his loyalty to Senator Robert A. Taft. His ideals endeared him to all of us. America has lost a great leader and splendid American.

RALPH F. GATES,
Republican National Committeeman.

Remarks by Representative Madden

Of Indiana

Mr. MADDEN. Mr. Speaker, all Members of the House were grieved to learn of the passing of B. CARROLL REECE. I have enjoyed his friendship during my 18 years as a Member of this body, and especially over the last 12 years while we both served on the Rules Committee.

Congressman REECE possessed an outstanding personality, and an ability to emphatically state his opinions on legislative problems, and at the same time, respect the views of others who disagreed with him. He was held in high esteem and liked by all Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle. His congressional district, State, and Nation have lost an outstanding and experienced legislator.

The Members of the Rules Committee will certainly miss the pleasant and optimistic remarks of Congressman REECE during its future hearings on various matters before the committee.

I wish to extend to his wife and family, my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Widnall

Of New Jersey

Mr. WIDNALL. Mr. Speaker, the Nation has lost one of its great men, with the passing of our colleague B. CARROLL REECE, distinguished Representative of the First Congressional District of Tennessee.

CARROLL REECE's long career of public service is well known to all of us. It spanned nearly 40 years and included an outstanding World War I record, followed by some 36 years of selfless service in the House of Representatives.

CARROLL REECE was a happy man because he was a good man. He possessed a rare blend of strength of character and gentleness. He was firm in pleading his convictions, but always temperate in his dealings with others. He was truly a gentleman.

It was my privilege to serve with CARROLL REECE in the House for 10 years. During this time I grew to know, admire, and respect him as one of the outstanding Members of Congress. He will be sorely missed by his colleagues in both House and Senate, all of whom join in expressing profound sympathy to Mrs. Reece and the members of his family.

Remarks by Representative Miller

of New York

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the immense personal loss I feel at the passing of our beloved colleague from Tennessee, CARROLL REECE, is shared not only by the Members of the House and those who, in the past, were privileged to serve with him, but by all Americans who are concerned with the welfare of our Nation to which he was so dedicated.

For more than 40 years, Mr. REECE served his country—on the battlefields of France in World War I, as a Member of Congress and as leader of the Republican Party. Although he was the most decorated Member of Congress, CARROLL REECE's wartime awards are more than matched by the accolades from literally thousands of persons whom he helped personally or as a Member of the House of Representatives. His generosity, kind understanding, personal courage, and willingness to give his immense personal energies and thought to the problems of all men, both great and small, made him unique in this age of cynicism and self-interest.

For he was more than just a soldier and a statesman. CARROLL REECE was a humanitarian, a gracious and courteous gentleman whose kindness was extended in many forms to all who required it. His wisdom was as freely imparted as it was sought and his generosity was unbounded. But even more important, he was a friend whose loyalty brought him the reverence of all with whom he came into contact. Those of us who have had the arduous political task of campaigning for Republican candidates for Congress can appreciate fully his magnificent accomplishments as chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1946 to 1949 when he did perhaps more than anyone else to gain for his party the majority in this House.

The void he leaves in the Congress and on the American scene cannot be filled through the simple application of the electoral process, but will remain for years to come as a reminder to us all of the true qualities of Christian charity and kindness.

I am sure I am joined by everyone here and all other Americans in saying to the bereaved family of our beloved colleague: "Your loss is shared and your grief is, in part, our grief. Although we cannot return that which has been taken by the Almighty, our heartfelt sympathy is given you as freely as your husband and father gave of himself to others." The stature he attained in life cannot but become greater in death, as the humane acts he so long shielded in anonymity at last come to light.

Remarks by Representative Philbin

Of Massachusetts

Mr. PHILBIN. Mr. Speaker, I was greatly shocked and very deeply grieved by the passing of our dear friend, beloved and esteemed colleague, Congressman CARROLL REECE, of Tennessee.

Few, if any, of the men I have met in or out of the public service, in my journey through life, could compare with him, and none could excell, this noble son of Tennessee.

In his basic integrity, he was as rugged and solid as the hills of his beloved, native State, and in his broad, active mind, only noble thoughts found lodgement. In his alert brain, great ability moved this proud Tennessean into many orbits of constructive interest and action for his district, State and country.

In his great heart, there abided feelings of brotherhood, tolerance and compassion for all men, especially for those who were less favored and less fortunate in coping with the vicissitudes of life.

A man of vital and sterling patriotism, who demonstrated on the battlefields in one of the Nation's greatest wars, his superb courage, his personal bravery, his complete fearlessness of danger, and his consuming love of country. CARROLL REECE was truly in the vanguard of great fighting heroes.

While he was a most highly decorated soldier and received many plaudits and honors throughout his career that might have changed the outlook of one less rugged and real.

CARROLL REECE was known for his humility, his modesty, and his down-to-earth personality a man who never lost the common touch.

A successful businessman of genius and foresight, he well understood the financial business and economic problems of the Nation, and was greatly concerned about them. But

he never swerved from his fundamental purpose of serving his country in the broadest sense with all his heart. When he passed on, this House lost one of its greatest, most distinguished, most famous Members, and those of us who knew and loved him lost one of our dearest, most loyal friends.

Obviously, it will not be possible to fill the great void which has been left by the untimely passing of this great American. The memory of his beaming personality, genial nature, high exploits and splendid contributions to the Nation and people of America will long be remembered here and wherever the name of CARROLL REECE is known.

He was truly one of God's noble men, one of America's first citizens, and his name will go down in history honored and revered for his heroism, his magnificent, unselfish service, his noble character and his greatness of heart.

I express my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to his devoted, gracious wife, his loving daughter and all of his family, his friends and constituents for the irreparable loss which they have sustained. With a sad heart, indeed, I join them in mourning his passing and extend to them from the very bottom of my heart sincerest condolences and prayers that the Good Lord may lighten their heavy burden of sorrow and out of the consciousness of his great life, good works, and generous heart, bring them assuaging comfort and resignation.

The memory of CARROLL REECE will long live in these Halls and in this Nation. It is my devout prayer that he may find peace, rest and eternal reward in his heavenly home.

Remarks by Representative Michel

Of Illinois

Mr. MICHEL. Mr. Speaker, all of us are saddened today as we pay tribute to our departed colleague CARROLL REECE. I cannot help but recall my days in school when I first heard and read about CARROLL REECE as a most distinguished Member of this House and as a former chairman of our Republican National Committee.

It was a memorable day for me when I came to Washington for the first time and had the privilege of meeting CARROLL. I remember so distinctly how disarming he was and how much time he was willing to give me in conversation on the occasion of our first meeting. Subsequently, after I was elected to Congress, there were many more opportunities for me to talk with CARROLL and counsel with him. His was always a wise and considered judgment, and I know of no one who was so gifted with the ability to see the good in people rather than their faults. He was always quick with a quip or an anecdote if the occasion called for it, and likewise he could be so forceful and stirring if need be.

I will never forget one of my first public appearances here in Washington after being elected to Congress and sharing the speaking honors with CARROLL. My remarks for the occasion were so inadequate, while his were so profound and appropriate. Nevertheless, he asked me to come to Tennessee to make several speeches there, and regardless of where it may have been in the State of Tennessee everyone knew and spoke most highly of CARROLL. While I respected him from the very first meeting, I learned to love him as well. He had such a vast reservoir of experience and I learned much from him.

We will miss CARROLL so much on the floor of this House, and I would want his wife and family to know this heavy burden of sorrow is being borne and shared by a host of us who have come to know CARROLL REECE as a dear friend. This House loses one of its most fearless and yet gentle Members, and the country suffers the loss of a great soldier and patriot.

Remarks by Representative James C. Davis

Of Georgia

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I was at home in Georgia last weekend when Congressman CARROLL REECE, of Tennessee, passed away at Bethesda Naval Hospital, and did not have an opportunity to participate in the memorial service on the floor of the House on Monday.

I learned with great sadness of his death. During my service in Congress, I became well acquainted with Congressman REECE. I admired him for his integrity, his courage, his understanding of our problems, both domestic and international, and for his unceasing effort to provide satisfactory solutions for those problems.

I treasured the friendship which existed between us. He was a person of whom it can truly be said that he was a great American. He will be greatly missed in the House on both sides of the aisle. His district, his State, and the country have suffered a great loss in his passing.

I extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family in this time of bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Kearns

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. KEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I join all of my colleagues in the House in their grief over the loss of our friend, CARROLL REECE.

CARROLL REECE not only served his constituents well but all Republicans while national chairman of the Republican Party.

His passing will be felt keenly by his own State of Tennessee and by the entire country to which he gave so much of his time and ability as one of the ablest spokesmen of the conservative cause that this Nation has ever produced.

My heartfelt sympathy goes to Mrs. Reece and the family in their great personal loss.

Remarks by Representative Baker

Of Tennessee

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, under unanimous consent, I include the very appropriate editorial comments on the life of our beloved colleague, the late Congressman B. CARROLL REECE, First District of Tennessee.

I should like to include the editorials from the following Tennessee newspapers: the Knoxville Journal, the Nashville Tennessean, the Nashville Banner, and the Bristol Herald Courier.

The editorials follow:

[From the Knoxville Journal, Mar. 21, 1961]

TENNESSEANS RECOGNIZED REECE'S STATURE IN NATION, BUT THEY WERE DEVOTED TO HIM AS HUMAN BEING

In the death Sunday of CARROLL REECE the Nation lost one of its great conservative leaders, and the Republican Party nationally and in Tennessee lost one of its most valued chieftains.

At an age just a little past his three score and ten, the First Congressional District Congressman had rounded out a career which carried him to the heights of public service as a statesman and politician, he had achieved leadership in the world of business, and above all, he had won the confidence and affection of literally thousands of persons in both political parties who reacted to his death as a personal loss.

It was this last facet in his career that he would want emphasized, even beyond the honors conferred upon him as a soldier, an educator, and as a State and national political leader.

CARROLL REECE both loved and respected his fellow man. Those who came in contact with him sensed it instantly. He was not kind, considerate, and helpful as a matter of political expediency. Rather the fact that he was all of these things drew his fellows to him and created the devotion which it has rarely been the good fortune of any man to possess in such full measure as was the case with him. It was this aura of friendliness and helpfulness which established a bond between him and thousands of Tennesseans, and no less made him one of the most effective men in the

Capital, both within the Halls of Congress and in the departments of the Government. In the truest sense of the term, he became the Representative of his constituency in its contacts with their Government, nor was his representation confined to the geographical limits of his own district or his own State.

Some of us in Tennessee have observed his career, and have to a degree participated in it, in the process of its building up to a point of national prominence. Some of us have watched the development of his stature, beginning with that first campaign in 1920 to the present, with pride and devotion. For us, the memory of this man, his intelligence, his steadfastness, his affection, and above all his faith in his fellow man, will be treasured for as long as we shall live. This is a measure of immortality in itself.

To be a statesman with courage and tenacity; to be a politician with conscience and consideration; to be a friend with affection and devotion; to be a husband and father with love and tenderness; CARROLL REECE was all of these through a long and busy life. If he had been allotted more years there was nothing in his living that he would have wanted to change.

That this is so must prove the greatest source of comfort to Mrs. Reece, to his family and to his friends.

[From the Nashville Tennessean, Mar. 21, 1961]

TENNESSEE'S MR. REPUBLICAN

Tennessee conservatism has lost one of its most eloquent spokesmen with the passing of U.S. Representative B. CARROLL REECE, of Johnson City.

This newspaper did not often agree with the philosophy of Mr. REECE, but seldom was there any reason to question the sincerity of his convictions or the honorable basis of his motives.

Mr. REECE possessed extraordinary political insights which he wedded to an unusual business acumen to become truly Tennessee's Mr. Republican. For several decades he had been the party's most influential leader in this State, and his influence in national GOP circles was considered.

It is unlikely that the minority party will soon develop another leader in this State capable of consolidating so much of its political power in a single personality.

Younger men who aspire to Republican leadership in Tennessee would do well to understand those qualities which made Mr. REECE so successful. For his influence was not based upon political or fiscal skills.

Rather, the broadest base of his support could be found in a warm personality, in an inherently kind spirit, in a deep desire to serve what he believed to be the best interests of his constituents, and in a personal political credo by which both friend and foe knew him: A promise made was a promise to be kept.

Mr. REECE was partisan in his views and partisan in his deeds and words. But he was never bitterly so; therefore those who differed with him held him in highest esteem, and considered him a devoted patriot in the best tradition of freedom's way.

[From the Nashville Banner, Mar. 20, 1961]

REPRESENTATIVE B. CARROLL REECE

State and national tributes unite in evaluation of a lifelong service, the notable career of B. CARROLL REECE—and in recognition of the public loss sustained with his passing. He was a stalwart American; as former President Eisenhower said of him, "an able and courageous leader in war and peace."

The First Tennessee District honored him by election 18 times to Congress, a tenure second only to that of Speaker Sam Rayburn in the House. From 1946 through 1949 he served his party as Republican National Chairman, and other party honors included chairmanship of the State Republican Executive Committee, and long membership on the national committee.

East Tennessee knew him, boy and man, as one of its own, whose success stemmed from innate qualities of character, zeal, and toil up the ladder to fulfill worthy aspiration. Early poverty was for him a challenge to self-improvement. He measured to it, with determination, and for education, creating its own opportunities.

On that solid foundation, he built a career distinguished for its service. As a soldier in World War I he was cited for extraordinary courage and heroism under fire. He received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Purple Heart, and the French Croix de Guerre.

Politically a conservative, he commanded the respect of colleagues on both sides of the party aisle. A power in Congress, a stabilizing factor in that realm of legislative give and take, he exercised an influence on the direction of Government, and he faithfully represented the interests of his district—no less concerned for the interests of his State and his Nation.

These unite in appraisal of an extraordinary career, self-made, and in the sense of loss occasioned by his death. To his memory respect belongs.

BRAZILLA CARROLL REECE

[From the Bristol Herald Courier, Mar. 22, 1961]

B. Carroll Reece: A Man of Stature

On this day we pay our last respects to B. Carroll Reece. We are not alone in sorrow. His colleagues in the Congress of our Nation, his countless friends across the State of Tennessee, a host of men and women at every station of life, all share the sadness which is ours.

How can you appraise, with any hope of adequacy, the life of men like Carroll Reece?

He came down from the mountains of east Tennessee and walked along a path which is open to few men, and which fewer still possess the courage and ability to tread.

Along that pathway, which ended Sunday, Carroll Reece tasted often the sweet wines of victory. He also, on some occasions, knew the disappointment of defeat. But Carroll Reece was never one to chart his course by battles won and lost. He turned his efforts always toward today and toward tomorrow—and grew in stature and in service until the very end.

Wherever his responsibilities and his duties led, Carroll Reece never relinquished his love or his loyalty for the First District of Tennessee. He served it with devotion; he gave himself full measure to each of those who came and sought his help. These mountains were his home, and the ties that bound him to his district were much stronger than such bonds are usually thought to be.

His name fell from the lips of those who knew him with the ease and affection of a loved one. He was more than a Congressman to all of them; he was a friend. At crossroads stores and country homes, they spoke of Carroll Reece as a personal benefactor. He helped an aged mother get a phone in a remote rural area; he worked to get electric power service so that poor farms might become more prosperous. During times of stress, he was the one answer for bereaved families who knew not what step to take to bring a serviceman home from some farflung outpost. Whatever monuments we may erect to Carroll Reece, none will speak more eloquently than those he built himself in the memories of men.

He was unquestionably the greatest Republican leader ever produced in the State of Tennessee and, also unquestionably, he was one of the greatest national figures of our generation. He was a patriot, in war and in peace. He was a legislator, astute in the ways of legislators and ever mindful that his actions could, and often did, alter the course of life for millions of Americans. He was an educator, a businessman, an economist, an historian. He read the lessons of life; he understood what he read; and, with understanding, he gave his own life to public service.

The mountains which bred him will stand silently for years unnumbered before they give us once again a man to equal CARROLL REECE.

Proceedings
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United States Senate

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MONDAY, *March 20, 1961.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Bartlett, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. B. CARROLL REECE, late a Representative from the State of Tennessee, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives which the clerk will read.

The legislative clerk read as follows (H. Res. 228):

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable B. CARROLL REECE, a Representative from the State of Tennessee.

Resolved, That a committee of twelve Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, on behalf of the Senators from Tennessee [Mr. Kefauver and Mr. Gore], I submit a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read for the information of the Senate.

The resolution (S. Res. 112) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable B. CARROLL REECE, late a Representative from the State of Tennessee.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The PRESIDING OFFICER, under the second resolving clause, appointed the Senators from Tennessee [Mr. Kefauver and Mr. Gore] the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Representative B. CARROLL REECE, I move that the Senate stand in adjournment until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 1 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.) the Senate adjourned, under the previous order, until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 21, 1961, at 12 o'clock meridian.

Remarks by Senator Kefauver

Of Tennessee

Mr. KEFAUVER. Mr. President, it becomes my sad duty to announce the untimely passing of Representative B. CARROLL REECE, of the First Congressional District of Tennessee. Representative REECE passed away yesterday at the naval hospital, in Bethesda, Md. I wish to pay tribute to the life, character, and public service of that great American.

Representative REECE served in the House, beginning in 1920, for more than 36 years, with only two short interruptions.

Representative CARROLL REECE was a man of great courage. In the defense of his country, as a young lieutenant, he commanded the 3d Battalion of the 122d Infantry Regiment in France. He was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Purple Heart, and Croix de Guerre with Palm for bravery.

He was also a man of great courage when it came to legislation that would strengthen the defenses of the United States and on issues in which he was interested. In matters affecting the welfare of the United States, and problems concerning the benefit and welfare of Tennessee, he knew no political sides, even though, as we all know, he was a partisan Republican, having served as chairman of the Republican National Committee.

It was my pleasure, over a period of more than 20 years, to work with Mr. REECE on many projects for the welfare of our State; and on all occasions our service together was very pleasant.

Representative REECE had a host of friends, of both political parties, throughout the United States, in the district he served in Tennessee, and both in the House of Representatives and in the Senate.

In 1923, CARROLL REECE married Louise Despart Goff, daughter of the late Senator Guy P. Goff. We all know of the beautiful and delightful companionship which existed between Representative REECE and his wife, Louise.

Representative REECE is survived by Mrs. Reece and also by a daughter, Mrs. George W. Marthens II.

I extend to them and to other members of his family my sincere and deep sympathy.

I feel that the Nation has lost a fine public servant, a man who always kept his word, and a man of exemplary character; and we in Tennessee have lost one of our very best and distinguished citizens.

Remarks by Senator Gore

Of Tennessee

Mr. GORE. Mr. President, it is with sadness that I join my colleague in commenting upon the passing of the late Representative B. CARROLL REECE. I join with him also in extending sympathy to the family.

CARROLL REECE contributed an unusual life and a career of distinguished service which was patriotic, able, devoted and dedicated, both with respect to military matters and governmental matters.

As my senior colleague has said, CARROLL REECE had a distinguished and heroic military record. I believe he was one of the most decorated men of World War I.

Over a span of years he brought to the Congress education, enlightenment, and astuteness given to few men. As national chairman of his party he became a national leader. He was a leader in the Congress of those with kindred views.

The ruggedness of his character and the integrity which was at the core of CARROLL REECE endeared him to many, even to many who, upon occasion, disagreed with his political views.

His passing is a matter of sadness not only to those of us who have served with him but also particularly to his family and to his host of friends. In east Tennessee he has long been regarded as an institution of service.

Remarks by Senator Bridges

Of New Hampshire

Mr. BRIDGES. Mr. President, I join the two distinguished Senators from Tennessee in paying tribute to a very able son of Tennessee and a very distinguished Representative, CARROLL REECE, who passed away yesterday. He was a great public servant. He was one of those men who served in the Congress over a long span of years.

I am now serving my 25th year in the Senate. CARROLL REECE was one of those who were in the Congress when I came, and he was one of the first men I met in the Congress.

I personally feel the loss, and I know what a great loss it is to our country and to his native State, particularly to eastern Tennessee, which he has represented so ably and so well.

I join the Senators from Tennessee in paying tribute, and I express my sympathy to his bereaved widow and his daughter.

Remarks by Senator Keating

Of New York

Mr. KEATING. Mr. President, I join with my colleagues from Tennessee in expressing to the family of CARROLL REECE the sympathy of the rest of us for the great loss which Tennessee has suffered in the death of this outstanding American.

CARROLL had a great capacity for friendship. I have been in his congressional district in eastern Tennessee. The devotion felt by the people for him was quite unusual. It was something which I am sure will remain a cherished memory for his family.

It was my pleasure to serve with CARROLL in the House of Representatives. From time to time we would disagree with respect to some issue before the House, but he was one with whom a person could disagree and still remain a firm and fast friend. He will be deeply missed by all of us in both Houses of Congress. He has had a distinguished career which has served well his district, his State, and his Nation. CARROLL REECE has built a monument of respect and affection in the hearts of all whose lives he has touched.

Remarks by Senator Carlson

Of Kansas

Mr. CARLSON. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a distinguished citizen who has passed on to his reward. I join my colleagues from Tennessee and other Senators in paying tribute to and expressing sadness at the passing of CARROLL REECE.

I had the privilege of serving in the House of Representatives for six terms with CARROLL REECE. He and I were very close friends. His was a life of service to his State and to the Nation. He rendered outstanding service in the Republican Party. All of us on this side of the aisle worked with him and were closely associated with him for many years. His service was exemplary in this field.

I believe one of the outstanding achievements which will cause us to remember CARROLL REECE is the fact that, as president of the Robert A. Taft Memorial Foundation, he was instrumental in the building of a memorial on the Capitol Grounds.

His was a life of faithful service. He was interested in the problems of his State and interested in the problems of the Nation. The State of Tennessee and our Nation will miss his service.

I express my sympathy to Mrs. Reece and other members of his family.

Remarks by Senator Cooper

Of Kentucky

Mr. COOPER. Mr. President, the news of the death of the Honorable CARROLL REECE, Congressman for the First Congressional District of Tennessee, has saddened all of us. His career, stretching nearly 50 years, was a wonderful one in the service of his country. Born on a farm in eastern Tennessee, one of a large family, he became a great leader of the Republican Party in Tennessee and the United States. But he was also a great servant of his country and his State. CARROLL REECE was an outstanding legislator and leader in the House of Representatives for years. There he fought hard for his principles, because he was a man of conviction.

There were many other sides to CARROLL REECE. Around him was an aura of heroism as an infantry officer in World War I, when he won many decorations of our country and other countries for gallantry and bravery, and suffered serious wounds.

Well educated, he was a man of intellectual quality. But, with all of his experience in national affairs he never lost the warmth, the kindliness, and the understanding which caused the people of Tennessee, and all others who knew him, to hold him in respect and affection. I had the pleasure of knowing CARROLL REECE for 20 years. I shall miss him as a friend. I know that thousands in Kentucky who knew him will feel as I do—that we have lost a great and true friend. I join my colleagues in expressing our sadness today, and in sending sympathy to Mrs. Reece, to his daughter, and other members of the family, and to his many friends.

Remarks by Senator Schoeppel

Of Kansas

Mr. SCHOEPPEL. Mr. President, I rise to join in the statements made by the distinguished senior and junior Senators of the great Commonwealth of Tennessee in behalf of their late native Tennessean, CARROLL REECE, who has passed to his great reward. Since I have been in the United States Senate, I have known no man with whom I have been privileged to serve and to be associated and for whom I have had more profound respect and admiration than CARROLL REECE. As has been pointed out, he was a distinguished patriot, soldier and, above all, a statesman of rare ability and qualification, which he demonstrated in so many ways, not only in the great State of Tennessee, but very far beyond its borders. It was my privilege to serve with him in the political area. No man with whom I have ever served in that respect was fairer to his adversaries and more dedicated in service to his country. Our great Nation and the State of Tennessee have lost one of its great characters. I share with other Senators who have known him the sadness of his passing, and I wish to extend to the members of his family our deep sympathy.

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